Ladies and Gentlemen,

Have you folks weighed in with Homeland Security on the matter of potential interference to critical surveillance operations in the HF portion of the spectrum? Coast Guard, DEA, ATF, FBI, and others, still depend upon operation of sensitive receivers for direction finding, signal intellegence, and communications intelligence gathering. At the power output levels proposed, background radiation levels will be significantly deteriorated requiring costly re-design and re-deployment of surveillance radio equipment. With a heightened awareness of infiltration by perpetrators of subversive activities, it would seem to be counterproductive to have more HF signals to sort through as these folks try to defend the homeland.

Thanks,

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